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# BLACK MAGIC

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THE ROPE AS HE  
DID, SAHIB. **THE  
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IS DANGEROUS TO  
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BUT, BRENT  
IS IN THE PRIME  
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BE BRENT!





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# MEDICAL RESEARCH DISCOVERS TREATMENT FOR PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and  
other externally caused Skin Blemishes

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BLEMISH YOUR PERSONALITY  
RUIN YOUR CONFIDENCE  
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*Illustrated is a microscopic reproduction of a healthy skin:*

The sebaceous glands are shown as they project through the many layers of skin. In a normal skin, the openings of the gland tubes are not blocked and permit the oil to flow freely to the outside of the skin.

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BY SQUEEZING  
PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS**



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It was a brief but violent action--in which the living  
and the dead both moved in the gun sight of

# The **SNIPER!**

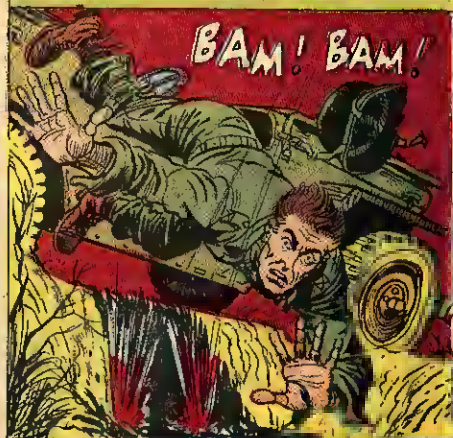


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IF IT HAD HAPPENED TO ANYONE ELSE THERE MIGHT BE ROOM FOR DOUBT! IT MIGHT ALL HAVE BEEN A **HALLUCINATION!** BUT IT HAPPENED TO **ARTHUR DANE, WAR CORRESPONDENT**, A MAN WHOSE REPUTATION FOR HONEST REPORTING **CANNOT BE QUESTIONED!** IN KOREA **AUGUST 2, 1951...**



ARTHUR DANE, FOLLOWING IN THE WAKE OF AN ADVANCING MARINE UNIT, HAD COME TO A SHELL TORN AREA WHERE **DEATH** HAD NOT YET PASSED. DANE FLUNG HIMSELF TOWARD COVER AS THE FIRING CONTINUED..



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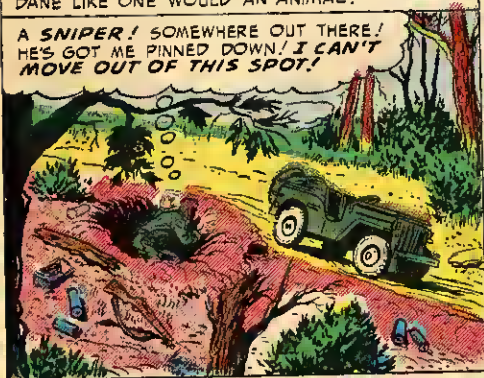
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FOR SOME REASON, AN **ENEMY RIFLEMAN** HAD REMAINED BEHIND AFTER HIS COMRADES HAD BEEN DRIVEN OUT... AND NOW, HE HUNTED ARTHUR DANE LIKE ONE WOULD AN ANIMAL!

A **SNIPER!** SOMEWHERE OUT THERE! HE'S GOT ME PINNED DOWN! **I CAN'T MOVE OUT OF THIS SPOT!**



A  
BLAZING  
SUN! DRY  
LIPPED  
**FEAR!**  
**THIRST!**

FOR  
HOURS  
THE  
CORRE-  
SPONDENT  
REMAINED  
IN THAT  
SPOT...  
AND  
ONLY  
A FEW  
YARDS  
AWAY  
TWO  
CANTEENS  
DANGLED  
TEMPINGLY  
BEFORE  
HIM...

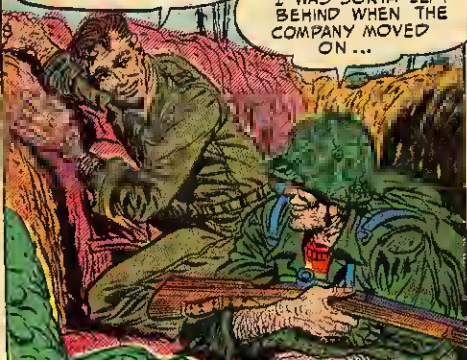
MY THROAT! IF I COULD JUST GET AT THAT WATER! IF I MADE A RUN FOR IT!

**STAY DOWN!**  
**YOU'LL NEVER**  
**MAKE IT!**



THE MARINES TO THE RESCUE!  
HI, SOLDIER! LOST YOUR OUT-  
FIT? MY NAME'S DANE...  
**WHAT'S YOURS?**

WHOA! ONE  
QUESTION  
AT A TIME! I'M  
**PFC. TED ARCHER...**  
I WAS SORTA LEFT  
BEHIND WHEN THE  
COMPANY MOVED  
ON...



CAN YOU SPARE ANY  
WATER FROM YOUR  
CANTEEN? THAT SNIPER'S  
JUST WAITING FOR ME  
TO REACH FOR MINE!

NOT A DROP! SORRY! BUT,  
I CAN LEAD YOU TO  
SOME... LET'S GO! WE  
CAN'T STAY HERE! WHEN  
YOU'VE BEEN A MARINE  
AS LONG AS I HAVE,  
YOU BECOME ALLERGIC  
TO OPEN GROUND!



PFC. TED ARCHER CRAWLED A FEW FEET... AND DROPPED FROM SIGHT! ARTHUR DANE FOLLOWED!

A COMMUNICATIONS  
TRENCH! I DIDN'T  
EVEN SEE IT! **THAT'S**  
HOW YOU GOT TO  
ME?

SURE! I WAS **SLEEPING**  
HERE, WHEN THE FIRING  
WOKE ME UP... SO I  
CAME OVER TO HAVE A  
LOOK! **KEEP DOWN!**  
WE'LL BE THERE IN A  
FEW MINUTES!



OKAY! HERE WE ARE! MY SQUAD  
BOILED UP IN THAT CAVE OVER THERE  
BEFORE THEY MOVED ON! THERE'S  
A SPRING INSIDE!

**WATER!**  
**WHAT**  
**A**  
**BREAK!**



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GOSH,  
THAT  
WAS  
GOOD!

I'LL BET/AHH/ HERE'S THE RIFLE...IT BE-  
LONGED TO ONE OF OUR BUNCH/HE WON'T  
BE NEEDING IT ANY MORE /BUT YOU WILL/  
THAT SNIPER WILL SHOW UP AGAIN/ THEY  
ALWAYS DO!



BUT... I CAN'T  
USE A WEAPON!  
I'M NOT ALLOWED  
TO! I... I'M A  
CORRESPONDENT!

WE KNOW THAT, BUT THAT  
SNIPER DOESN'T/ AND  
HE WOULDN'T CARE  
IF HE DID/ LIFE IS  
SWEET, DANE/ YOU  
OUGHT TO KEEP IT AS  
LONG AS  
YOU CAN!



ARTHUR  
DANE  
LOOKED  
INTO  
THOSE  
ICY  
BLUE  
EYES...  
AND  
SAW  
A  
KNOWLEDGE  
IN  
THEIR  
DEPTHS  
WHICH  
SHOOK  
HIM/ DANE  
TOOK  
THE  
RIFLE!

THANKS/ I... I WANT YOU  
TO KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE  
WHAT YOU DID/ YOU MIGHT  
HAVE BEEN KILLED...

FORGET IT/ I'M  
BULLETPROOF!  
YOU'D BETTER HIT  
THE SACK/ YOU LOOK  
LIKE YOU COULD USE  
SOME SLEEP/ I'LL  
STAND GUARD!



THE EXHAUSTED CORRESPONDENT SLEPT  
A SLEEP STRANGELY DISTURBED BY  
VAGUE DREAMS...AND LATER, THE PFC.  
TRIED AN EXPERIMENT!

DEAD CENTER/ HE'S  
OUT THERE, ALL  
RIGHT/ I FIGURED  
HE'D COME AFTER  
YOU/ OKAY/ WE'LL  
MAKE HIM SHOW  
HIMSELF AND...  
NAIL HIM GOOD!

IT SOUNDS  
EASY/ BUT  
HOW DO WE  
MAKE HIM  
SHOW  
HIMSELF?



NOTHING TO IT/ WHEN HE  
SEES ME TAKE OFF ACROSS  
THE CLEARING, HE'LL THINK  
IT'S YOU/ HE DOESN'T  
KNOW THERE ARE TWO  
OF US/ HE'LL OPEN  
UP...AND YOU GET  
HIM!

TAKE OFF? YOU MEAN  
YOU'RE GOING OUT  
THERE? YOU'D RISK  
YOUR NECK FOR ME? I  
CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT!



RISK? I TOLD YOU I WAS BULLETPROOF,  
DIDN'T I? SO LONG, PAL!

COME BACK,  
YOU CRAZY  
FOOL!



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SOMETHING SNAPPED INSIDE DANE'S MIND WHEN THE SLUG CRASHED INTO THE MARINE'S HELMET... THE BOY STIFFENED AND VANISHED IN THE GLOOM! THEN DANE WENT WILD!



TWO RIFLES BLAZED! AND TWO BULLETS FOUND THEIR MARK...



THEN ALL WAS SILENT! IT SEEMED TO ARTHUR DANE THAT IT WAS MINUTES WHICH PASSED! BUT IT WAS HOURS!

COMING OUT OF IT, EH, MAC? LUCKY FOR YOU WE CAME BACK THIS WAY! WERE A GRAVE'S REGISTRATION UNIT! BEEN GOING THROUGH THESE WOODS LOOKING FOR CORPSES! FEELING BETTER NOW?

I'M ALL RIGHT! TAKE CARE OF ARCHER! HE WAS HIT! I SAW HIM FALL...IN THAT CLEARING!

THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE SEEN IN THE CLEARING! DANE HAD POINTED OUT!

BUT, I SAW HIM FALL RIGHT HERE! MAYBE HE BECAME DELIRIOUS... AND CRAWLED AWAY!

WE'VE BEEN ALL OVER THESE WOODS! FOUND ONLY A DEAD SNIPER! WHO IS THIS JOE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

HE TOLD ME HIS NAME! I... I BELIEVE IT WAS ARCHER... YES! TED ARCHER!

ARCHER? HEY, LET'S SEE... ARCHER, THEODORE... P.E.C....



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ARCHER'S NAME SEEMED TO STRIKE A FAMILIAR NOTE WITH THE G.I. HE LOOKED THROUGH HIS LITTLE NOTEBOOK—AND, THEN, AT DANE.

NOTEBOOKS! WE WON'T FIND HIM IN A NOTEBOOK! I TELL YOU WE'VE GOT TO LOOK FOR HIM! HE'S HURT!

WE DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR HIM! I CAN TAKE YOU RIGHT TO WHERE HE IS! IT'S ABOUT A MILE FROM HERE. THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT?



ARTHUR DANE MADE IT. HE AND THE G.I. HIKED A MILE, TO A PLACE WHERE THE FALLEN DEAD SLEPT IN SILENT ROWS...

THAT HELMET! IT'S ARCHER'S! H-HOW DID IT GET -- HERE?

I WAS ON THE DETAIL THAT PUT

HIS BODY IN THIS GRAVE! WE FOUND IT IN THAT CLEARING WHERE WE FOUND YOU! A WEEK AGO! YOU'D BETTER LOOK AT THE DOG-TAG!

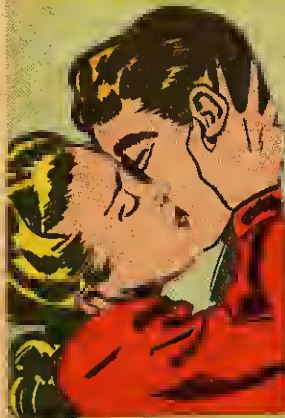


ARTHUR DANE KNELT AND READ THE NAME ON THE DOG-TAG... AND KNEW WHY ARCHER HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS **BULLETPROOF!**



PFC TED ARCHER, U.S.M.C. DIED ON JULY 26, 1951. BUT ON AUGUST 2, 1951, **SEVEN DAYS LATER**, HE CAME BACK TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A FELLOW AMERICAN. AND ARTHUR DANE WILL TAKE AN **OATH** ON IT.

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# MURDER IN GROVE COUNTY



JOHN McKEEVER was the happiest man on the Salinas police force, and there was little wonder. Hadn't he fulfilled his first assignment with flying colors? An impossible assignment too, even the old hands admitted that. But John McKeever had fooled 'em all! As a rookie detective, he'd solved the fifteen year old murder of Grove County.

He was celebrating his success, a very substantial increase in pay, a raise in rank, and accepting congratulations from all sides; the night the queer thing occurred. Normally, he had very little time or patience for things psychic, but tonight he was mellow. Not from wine, for John did not drink, but from exuberant happiness at his victory in naming Ed Harmon as the villainous assassin of Grove County.

"How'd you ever come up with enough evidence?" Keene, his pal, three years up on experience, asked him. "I went through every darn thing in the file. Couldn't turn up a single new thing."

"No one told me I didn't have to solve it," young McKeever smiled. "Guess I thought if I didn't, I'd never get to be a real detective, and that's been my ambition since I hunted Indiana with my cowboy playmates."

His wife, Sally, a smiling brown haired wisp of a girl, looked at him fondly. She loved entertaining like this, just six of their closest friends, with John sharing the credit and adulation of a job well done. She passed refreshments, her hand lingering affectionately on John's shoulder. "He didn't sleep for weeks," she admitted to the group. "And when he did, he seemed to dream up new avenues for exploration. I don't think he evolved it at all. It was his subconscious."

They all knew she was joking. John hadn't a superstition in the world. He hated anything that couldn't be explained in black and white. But it seemed a wonderful opportunity to kid him. "Mystic McKeever," O'Reilly laughed. "I'll bet you did it on your little Ouija board!"

"A Ouija board!" Constance Keene shouted. She was bored by all this talk about business. Get a bunch of detectives together and all you had at best was a human's holiday. She wanted some excitement. "Do you have a Ouija board, Sally?"

Mary O'Reilly took it up, "I haven't played a Ouija board for years--let's do it. It's fun!"

The men smiled indulgently, and even John McKeever, who had to have it down in writing, agreed to sit at one end of the board, pretending to be in accord with some mysterious answer man.

Suddenly, however, the little planchette began to move energetically, spelling out words with such rapidity that one of the onlookers had to get pencil and paper to put the words down. The board became so agitated that even John was impressed--for the message related to the Grove County Murder!

It actually seemed that the tiny table was desperately trying to convey some message. Press accounts of the tragic affair were recounted, all the latest evidence dug up by John McKeever. There was silence in the room as the board began to spell out NOT BLAMED. Over and over again NOT BLAMED.

Keene laughed an unpleasant laugh, "Maybe the board is trying to tell us you haven't solved it, McKeever," he said, but McKeever was watching the board with feverish eyes and pale face. Only his hands were firm, but trembling under the message being transmitted. Slowly he shook his head, "Does it mean NOT BLAME ED?" he questioned. "Ed Harmon is the man ready for conviction."

Sally said quickly, "Who is the murderer?" The board quickly spelled out BLAMEABLE but no one could make sense of the simple announcement. Over and over the same letters were indicated. Once "E" was omitted. Once the pointer rested twice on "M". Sally called for a pause, her face white and intent. "Who is blameable?" she asked. The pointer started in again. BLAMEABLE it spelled out this time.

With a strangled cry, John McKeever got up from the table, rushed into the bedroom and came out with his hat and coat. So startled were the others by the whole affair, they could only look at him with amazement. Sally, alone found words. "Where are you going, John?" she asked, "Is there someone named Mable involved in this case?"

John McKeever said "Mable Harmon is Ed's wife. She's taking the 11:15 to Kansas City. If I hurry, I can catch her."

John never told anyone how he put the missing evidence together with the Ouija board's prediction, but two months later, Mable Harmon was convicted and Ed, her husband, went free.

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A dead man looked out of her eyes--AND FROM HER THROAT CAME A VOICE WHICH HAD BEEN STILLED BY THE GRAVE. EVERYONE KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO ANA... SHE WAS INHABITED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT...

## POSSESSED!



THE HOUSE OF KARIL IS GONE NOW -- SWEEPED FROM THAT VALLEY DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF HUNGARY BY THE HAND OF TIME. BUT, EVEN **NOW**, THE PEASANTS REMEMBER. THEY REMEMBER JEVA BARTOS AND THE GIRL HE LOVED, EVEN, **BEYOND DEATH...**

PEASANT, AYE! A PEASANT I WAS BORN! **BUT, I WILL NOT DIE A PEASANT!** I AM A STUDENT! MIKOL KARIL, I BEG YOU! LISTEN TO MY WORDS--

LISTEN? NO! YOU SHALL LISTEN!

MY DAUGHTER IS NOT FOR A SERF WITH THE SMELL OF THE STABLE ON HIM! **GET OUT!** AND, BE GRATEFUL THAT I DO NOT USE MY WHIP UPON YOU!



# BLACK MAGIC

NO! I... I  
WILL NOT  
GO! ANA AND  
I LOVE EACH  
OTHER! WE  
HAVE A  
**RIGHT** TO  
BE HAPPY!

SINCE WHEN  
DOES A  
**PEASANT**  
SPEAK OF  
RIGHTS!  
BE GONE,  
I SAY!

BACK TO YOUR STALLS  
AND STABLES! AND FOR-  
GET MY DAUGHTER... AND  
CONTENT  
YOURSELF  
WITH  
SOME  
GIRL  
FROM  
THE  
VILLAGE!

YOU MAY  
DRIVE ME  
OUT, BUT I  
WILL HAVE ANA  
IN SPITE OF  
YOU! IN SPITE  
OF DEATH  
ITSELF, ANA  
SHALL BE  
MINE!

THE BITTER WORDS SCREAMED FROM  
WRITHING LIPS! AND, THE WIND BLEW  
THEM AWAY... HOWLING WITH DEMONIC  
LAUGHTER, AS A MAN IN TORMENT  
STUMBLED INTO THE NIGHT!

JEVA!  
JEVA!  
**WAIT!**

ANA! ANA! YOU SHOULD **NOT** HAVE COME!  
HE DROVE ME  
OUT... LIKE A  
**DOG, ANA!**

JEVA, DON'T! WE ARE IN  
LOVE! WE WILL HAVE  
EACH OTHER! WE WILL!  
NO MATTER WHAT  
FATHER  
SAYS!

A TORTURED SOUL! A SPIRIT  
TORN ON THE RACK OF  
LOVE! THAT WAS JEVA  
BARTOS! A **TORTURED**  
SOUL CRYING IN THE NIGHT!

I WON'T GIVE  
HER UP! DO  
YOU HEAR,  
KARIL? SHE IS  
FOR NO MAN  
BUT JEVA  
**BARTOS!**

GO BACK TO THE  
HOUSE, ANA! THE  
COLD BITES LIKE  
SEVEN DEVILS! I  
SHALL **RETURN**  
FOR YOU... NEVER  
FEAR...



# BLACK MAGIC

THEY STILL SPEAK OF THAT NIGHT IN THE LINTER VALLEY! THEY SAY IT WAS AS IF THE HEAVENS THEMSELVES WEPT! AND IN THE MORNING THEY FOUND HIM!

YES! JEVA IS DEAD! THE SNOW IS SOFT ON THE CLIFF! HE MUST HAVE FALLEN! THERE IS LIGHT IN JEVA'S FROZEN EYES WHICH THE LIVING FEAR TO LOOK UPON!

JEVA... DEAD!  
OH, NO, NO...

REST? WHEN THE HEART SOBS FOR A LOST LOVE? ANA DID NOT REST! FOR HER THERE WAS TO BE NO REST, THAT NIGHT, NOR THE NEXT, NOR THE NEXT...

YES JEVA... I HEAR YOU, MY LOVE. YES... I SHALL COME!

A WRAITH SLIPPED DOWN THE STAIRS... THROUGH A DOORWAY... AND IN THE MORNING, ANA WAS FOUND BY A GRAVE NEWLY DUG... AND NEWLY FILLED!

ANA... IT IS BETTER SO! HE WAS NOT FOR YOU! NOW... YOU WILL FORGET! GO TO BED! GET SOME REST! IT IS FOR THE BEST!

SHE HAS KNELT BY HIS GRAVE THROUGH THE COLD NIGHT! QUICK! TAKE HER HOME...

HOME? WOULD YOU TAKE ME INTO YOUR HOME, KARIL?

MASTER! WHO SPOKE? IT SOUNDED LIKE JEVA...

ANA! IT IS ANA! ANA WHO SPEAKS! BUT IT IS THE VOICE OF JEVA THAT ISSUES FROM HER LIPS!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! YES, KARIL! IT IS I... JEVA BARTOS... THE LOWLY... PEASANT YOU SO CONVENIENTLY BURIED... I HAVE RETURNED FROM DEATH!

ANA AND I ARE TRULY ONE, NOW! MY SPIRIT POSSESSES HER! SHE IS MINE... MINE!

YOU'VE DONE A HORRIBLE THING, JEVA! YOU MUST RELEASE ANA! GIVE ME BACK MY DAUGHTER!

# BLACK MAGIC

THE GIRL FOUGHT WITH THE STRENGTH OF A MAN... THE FURY OF JEVA BARTOS, BUT THE ODDS WERE WITH THE MILITARY DETAIL!

ENOUGH! BIND HER IF YOU MUST! BUT BE GENTLE! MY LOVE IS WEAK! DO NOT HURT HER!



SO ANA CAME HOME... ANA... AND HE WHO WAS HER MASTER... TO FACE A MAN OF IRON!

WELL, KARIL Z DOES THIS SIGHT OF YOUR DAUGHTER, TRUSSED UP LIKE A CRIMINAL, PLEASE YOU?

YOU'VE BECOME A FIEND, BARTOS! YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS DOING TO ME!



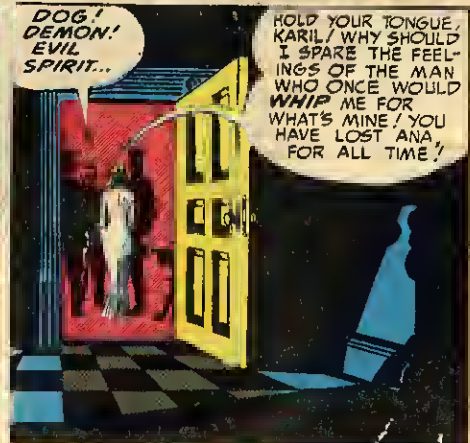
RETURN ANA TO HER RIGHTFUL EXISTENCE, I BEG YOU! WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS AGAINST ALL THE LAWS OF NATURE! IT WILL END IN ANA'S DEATH!

OR NAPPINESS!



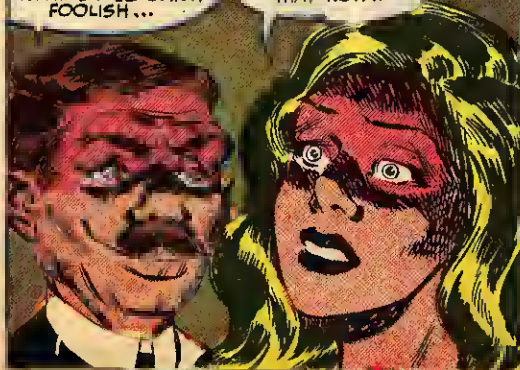
DOG! DEMON! EVIL SPIRIT...

HOLD YOUR TONGUE, KARIL! WHY SHOULD I SPARE THE FEELINGS OF THE MAN WHO ONCE WOULD WHIP ME FOR WHAT'S MINE! YOU HAVE LOST ANA, FOR ALL TIME!



NO! NO! YOU MUST HEAR ME OUT, JEVA BARTOS! PERHAPS, I HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT UNPLEASANT, FOOLISH...

YOUR BLIND, CRUELTY SHALL TOUCH US NO MORE, KARIL! WE ARE BEYOND THAT NOW...

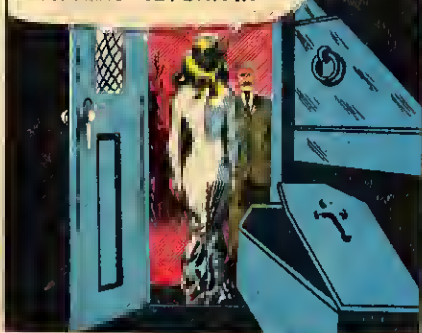


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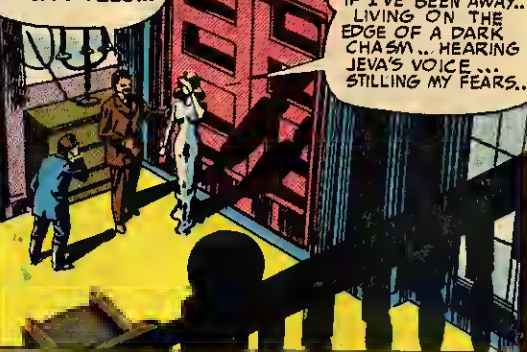
# BLACK MAGIC

THAT IS THE WAY THINGS MUST BE / BUT, I SHALL **NOT** LOSE ANA / WHEN HER TIME COME TO CROSS INTO ETERNITY, I SHALL BE WAITING FOR HER! GO HOME, KARIL... AND WAIT FOR ANA'S **RETURN**...



THE WAITING WAS NOT LONG. THEY TELL, IN THE VALLEY HOW SHE ARRIVED... **WEARING HER SHROUD!**

ANA... YOU'VE COME BACK! I CAN TELL...

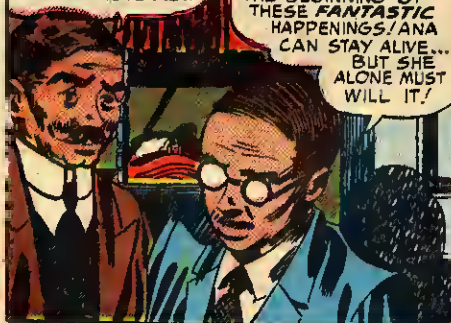


FATHER... I... I FEEL SO STRANGE... AS IF I'VE BEEN AWAY... LIVING ON THE EDGE OF A DARK CHASM... HEARING JEVA'S VOICE... STILLING MY FEARS...

ANA WAS IMMEDIATELY GIVEN MEDICAL CARE! GRAVELY CONCERNED, THE DOCTOR DIAGNOSED HER CONDITION AS WEAKNESS DUE TO SEVERE SHOCK!

WHAT CAN WE DO, DOCTOR? TELL ME...

IT IS OUT OF OUR HANDS! IT WAS, FROM THE BEGINNING OF THESE **FANTASTIC** HAPPENINGS, ANA CAN STAY ALIVE... BUT SHE ALONE MUST WILL IT!



THUS, THE FLAME OF LIFE FLICKERED... GROWING BRIGHTER AND WANING AT INTERVALS!

YOU'VE GOT TO LIVE, ANA! I'LL MAKE UP FOR ALL THE PAIN I'VE CAUSED YOU!

FATHER... FATHER... WHERE ARE YOU? I... I AM **ALONE**... ON A VAST, EMPTY PLAIN... SWEEPED BY WINDS WHICH CARRY JEVA'S VOICE... HE IS **LONELY**... **LONELY**...



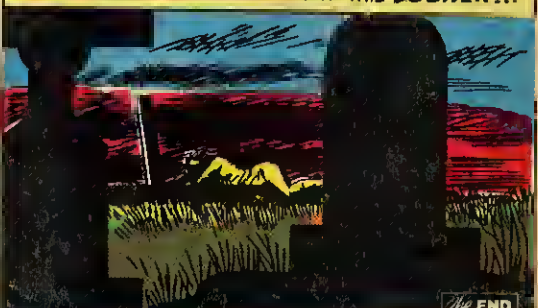
ANA'S, WAS A LIFE WITH ROOTS IN THE BEYOND... THE **END** WAS APPROACHING! ONE NIGHT, SHE ROSE FROM HER BED...

**MASTER!** YOUR DAUGHTER! SHE...

W-WE CAN DO **NOTHING** FOR MY POOR ANA! SHE GOES TO HIM... OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP HER HERE ARE IN VAIN...



TO MIKOL KARIL, IT WAS AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE! ANA AND JEVA... **TOGETHER**... FOR ETERNITY! IF ONLY KARIL COULD HAVE KNOWN THIS **SOONER**...



THE **END**

THEY FOLLOWED HER TO JEVA'S GRAVE... HER FATHER AND HER FRIENDS! THEY SAW HER SINK TO THE MOUND WITH ARMS OUTSTRETCHED... **NEVER TO RISE AGAIN!**



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To The Cross  
Swing Low, Sweet  
Chariot  
Or Meeting  
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# BLACK MAGIC

Suppose, there are no ghosts-- Just learned, clever men-  
who can take off their physical bodies like a coat and-

## FLY BY NIGHT!



**PHIL THOMAS** WAS AS PHONEY AS A **THREE DOLLAR BILL**. BUT, YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN IT TO SEE HIM, STANDING BEFORE THE DOOR, OF APT. 9-C IN THE VERY FASHIONABLE JANE COURT.



# BLACK MAGIC

DARLING! YOU'VE BEEN A BAD LITTLE BOY...NOT... CALLING ME FOR ALMOST A WEEK! I WAS SIMPLY FRANTIC! NOW, YOU WAIT HERE! I WON'T BE BUT A MINUTE...

PLEASE, LILY! YOU'RE BEING FRIGHTFULLY GUSHY!

THAT'S **NOT** A NICE THING TO SAY! HOWEVER, I FORGIVE YOU! WHERE ARE WE GOING TONIGHT?

WE **AREN'T**, LILY! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE! I'VE COME TO TELL YOU JUST THAT! IT'S ALL OVER BETWEEN US!

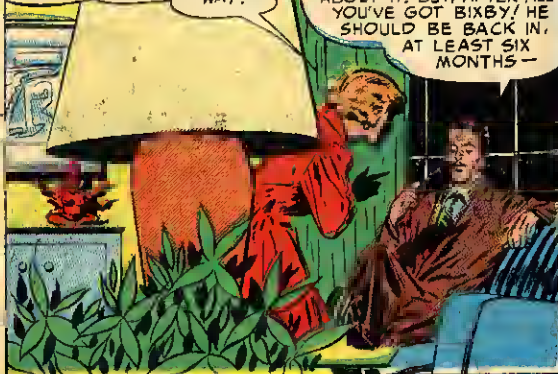


PHIL! YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS! I CAN SEE! Y-YOU JUST **CAN'T** BRUSH ME OFF THIS WAY!

IT SHOULD BE APPARENT THAT I'M DOING IT! I'M SORRY IF I SEEM **BLUNT** ABOUT IT! BUT, AFTER ALL YOU'VE GOT BIXBY! HE SHOULD BE BACK IN, AT LEAST SIX MONTHS—

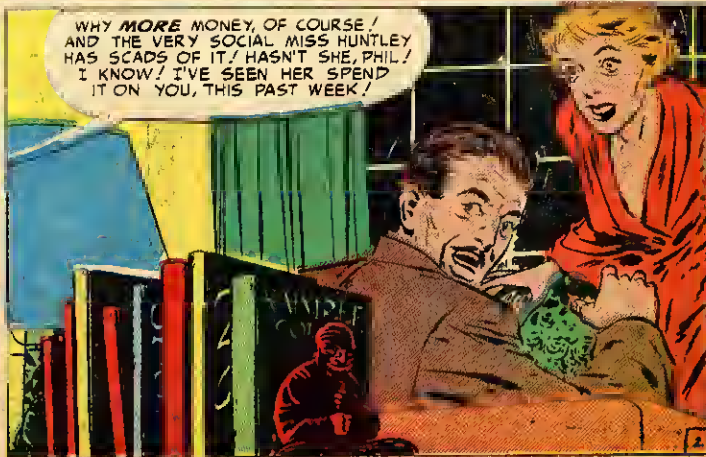
WHY, YOU... YOU **DETESTABLE**...

NOW, NOW, MY DEAR... TO COIN THE TRITEST OF PUNS... YOU'RE **NOT** EXACTLY A LILY, YOURSELF! LILY! YOU ARE ENGAGED TO BIXBY! AND YOU HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN TRUE BLUE TO HIM BY DATING WITH ME!

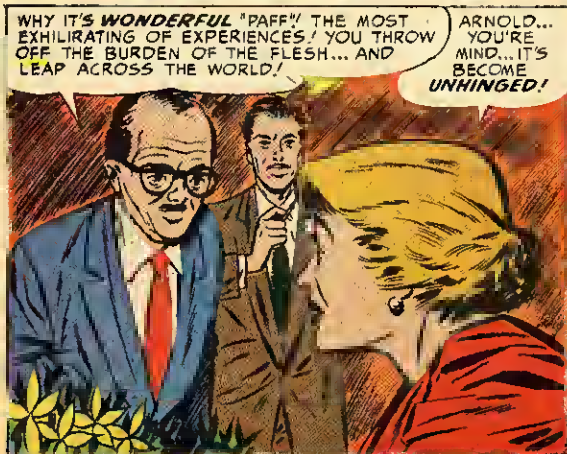
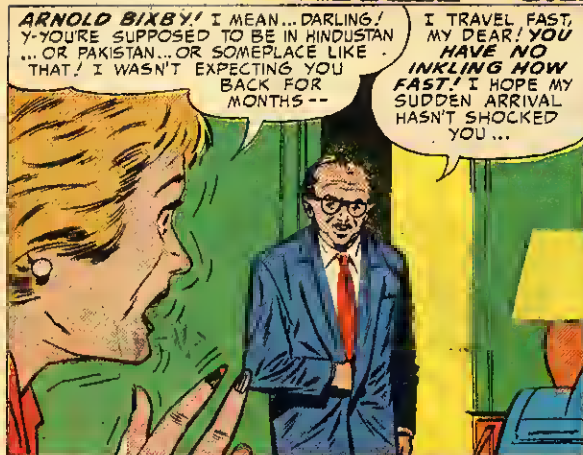


Y-YOU INGRATE! AFTER ALL THE PLANS WE MADE ... TO FLEECE BIXBY OF HIS MONEY AND GO OFF TOGETHER! WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THAT? WHAT MORE CAN YOU WANT?

WHY **MORE** MONEY, OF COURSE! AND THE VERY SOCIAL MISS HUNTLEY HAS SCADS OF IT! HASN'T SHE, PHIL! I KNOW! I'VE SEEN HER SPEND IT ON YOU, THIS PAST WEEK!



# BLACK MAGIC



# BLACK MAGIC

BEING AN EXPLORER AND A LONELY MAN, I WELCOMED LILY INTO MY LIFE WITH PERHAPS, A LITTLE TOO MUCH FERVOR! I GREW TO LOVE HER DEEPLY! I HATED TO LEAVE ON THAT TRIP ABROAD!



"I WAS LONESOME FOR YOU THERE, LILY... SO LONESOME, IN FACT, THAT I COULDN'T FIND PLEASURE IN OTHER'S COMPANY! I TOOK TO READING BOOKS! ONE NIGHT, I OPENED AN OLD VOLUME... A TRANSLATION OF AN ANCIENT WORK... UNCOVERED IN ARABIA BY A GROUP SPONSORED BY MY MUSEUM! I READ IT CAREFULLY...

...AND WITHIN THE PRISON OF PHYSICAL BEING WHICH BINDS EACH OF US TO THE EARTH... THERE DWELLS THE ASTRAL BODY... WHICH, IF RELEASED... MAKES US ONE WITH THE WINDS THAT SWEEP FREELY ACROSS THE LANDS OF INFINITY!



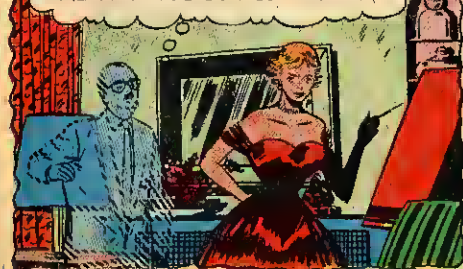
"THE IDEA SEEMED FANTASTIC AT FIRST! AND I HAD TO CHUCKLE OVER THE AUDACITY OF THE SO-CALLED 'SAGES' OF OLD... HOWEVER, I DECIDED TO CONCENTRATE AS THE BOOK INSTRUCTED AND, PERHAPS, DOZE OFF INTO SLEEP; INSTEAD, I FELT A SUDDEN DIZZINESS... AND THE STRANGEST OF THINGS HAPPENED...

THAT MAN... SITTING THERE IN MY CHAIR... **THAT'S ME!** WHY, I'M LOOKING AT MY OWN PHYSICAL BODY!



"AT FIRST I COULDN'T PROJECT MYSELF FURTHER THAN THE LIMITS OF LONDON! BUT MY DESIRE TO SEE LILY... TO WATCH OVER HER... WAS EXTREMELY POWERFUL! AND ONE NIGHT AFTER TREMENDOUS EFFORT, I SPANNED THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN A SECOND!

LILY... DEAR LILY... IF ONLY I COULD MAKE MY PRESENCE KNOWN TO YOU! SEEING YOU LIKE THIS JUST MAKES ME WANT YOU SO MUCH MORE!



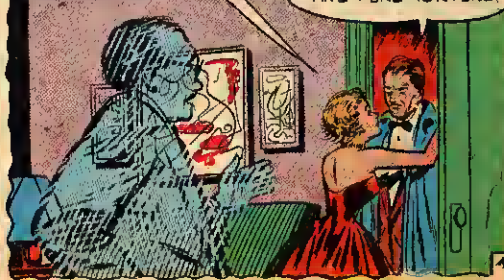
"SOUNDS INCREDIBLE, DOESN'T IT? AT FIRST, I THOUGHT I WAS DREAMING! BUT, THEN, I REALIZED I WAS MERELY IN A TRANCE, PHYSICALLY! THE TWO FACTORS OF **WILL** AND **DESIRE** HAD BEEN STRONG ENOUGH TO RELEASE MY ASTRAL BODY! WILL AND DESIRE NOW COMBINED WITH FAITH... AND I WAS ONE WITH THE WIND!



"I DARESAY, IT WAS A RUDE HOMECOMING! AND I GOT WHAT I DESERVED WHEN YOU WALKED IN, PHIL! SEEING YOU AND LILY TOGETHER ALMOST SHATTERED ME! LISTENING TO YOUR SILLY CHATTER WAS JUST AS BAD...

PHIL, DARLING! WAITING FOR YOU HAS SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY!

WE SHOULD NEVER BE APART, DEAREST LILY! MY MOMENTS AWAY FROM YOU ARE PURE TORTURE!



# BLACK MAGIC

OF COURSE, I RETURNED AGAIN AND AGAIN... WATCHING THIS INFATUATION DEVELOP... UNTIL PHIL BROUGHT HIS TRUE PURPOSE TO LIGHT! YOU WERE TO BE HIS PAWN IN OBTAINING MY MONEY LILY! AND, YOU AGREED TO THIS! HOW COULD YOU?

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF THIS DRIVEL! I'VE GOT PLACES TO GO... MORE AMUSING PLACES!

LIKE THE GAY PARTY GOING ON AT SUE HUNTLEY'S AT THIS VERY MOMENT! I'VE BEEN THERE TOO! ASTRALLY OF COURSE!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SUE HUNTLEY! HAVE YOU BEEN PRYING INTO MY AFFAIRS, BIXBY?

FRANKLY, YES! I KNOW MANY DETAILS OF YOUR PERSONAL LIFE! I... I ADMIT SPYING ISN'T IN THE BEST OF TASTE! BUT, 'BE RUTHLESS WITH THE RUTHLESS'... IS MY MOTTO!

WHY YOU...

GHOSTS KNOW NO BARRIERS, PHIL! I'M NO MORE THAN THAT IN ASTRAL FORM... I EVEN STOOD AT YOUR SIDE WHEN YOU PENNED A **BLACKMAIL** LETTER LAST NIGHT TO A RICH WIDOW IN BALTIMORE!

I UNDERESTIMATE YOU BIXBY! YOU'RE A **SMART** LITTLE WEASEL, ALL RIGHT! BUT I WON'T FALL FOR THE ASTRAL STUFF! HOWEVER, YOU KNOW ABOUT THE LETTER!

AND I'M HOPING TO SEE THAT YOU **DON'T** BLAB ABOUT IT! ESPECIALLY TO SUE HUNTLEY!

IF YOU'RE THINKING OF HARMING MY PHYSICAL BODY... **GO AHEAD!** I DON'T NEED IT ANY MORE!

YOU... YOU DEVIL!

PHIL'S FINGERS CLOSED ON ARNOLD'S THROAT! THERE WAS NO RESISTANCE! HE PRESSED TIGHTER AND TIGHTER AND TIGHTER... SUDDENLY, THE BODY FELL BACK... COMPLETELY LIFELESS!

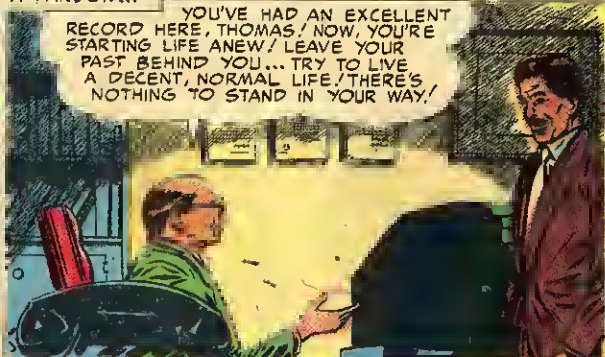
PHIL! YOU IDIOT! YOU'VE **KILLED** HIM!

I DON'T GET IT! HE WENT LIMP BEFORE I BEGAN TO PRESS ON HIS THROAT! I DIDN'T KILL HIM! I COULDN'T HAVE...

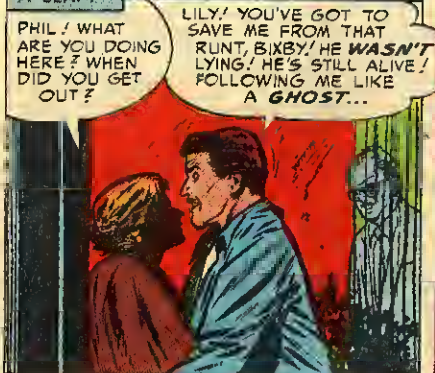
# BLACK MAGIC



TIME WENT SWIFTLY! THERE WAS THE ARREST... THE TRIAL... THE PLEA, PHIL TOOK A **GUILTY** CHARGE ON ACCOUNT OF SECOND DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER WHEN IT WAS PROVEN SIXBY DIED OF A HEART ATTACK... BRIEF SENTENCE... TIME OFF FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR... AND FINALLY, WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT WAS A PARDON...



THE FIRST THING PHIL DID UPON HIS RELEASE WAS HURRY TO LILY! HIS EYES WERE LARGE WITH **FEAR**... AND, HE SHOOK LIKE A LEAF!



I... I GUESS I MUST SOUND LIKE A LUNATIC AT THAT! GOOD-BYE, LILY! FORGET I SAID WHAT I DID...

PHIL... WHAT ON EARTH HAS **HAPPENED** TO YOU?



PHIL RETURNED TO HIS ROOM, HOPING TO FIND SOME COMFORT IN HIS SOLITUDE! HE KNEW IT WAS ONLY AN ILLUSION... AND YET, IT SEEMED SO REAL! HE PACED THE FLOOR NERVOUSLY UNTIL HIS EYE FELL ON SOMETHING THAT HE **KNEW** WAS REAL.



# BLACK MAGIC

THE BOOK WAS OPENED... PHIL PICKED IT UP AND BEGAN TO READ...

EVEN IN DEATH, THE ASTRAL BODY WILL GO ON! FOR, IF IT IS DETACHED FROM THE PHYSICAL BODY AT THE TIME OF DEMISE, IT CAN EXIST AS LONG AS THERE IS WILL AND DESIRE!

THE IMPLICATION OF THAT PARAGRAPH ROCKED PHIL TO HIS HEELS! BIXBY IN ASTRAL FORM, COULD HAUNT PHIL FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE! PHIL HAD TO HAVE HELP... OR LOSE HIS SANITY!

OF COURSE, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF SO-CALLED ASTRAL BODIES! IT MUST BE AN ILLUSION! I SUGGEST THAT YOU TRY TO TALK TO IT! TRY TO DRAW IT OUT! MAKE YOURSELF BELIEVE THAT IT ACTUALLY EXISTS...

...SOON, THE WHOLE THING WILL APPEAR SO RIDICULOUS THAT YOU WILL REALIZE THAT IT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT IS... AN ILLUSION CAUSED BY A GUILT COMPLEX!

THANK YOU, DOCTOR! I'LL TRY TO DO WHAT YOU SAY!

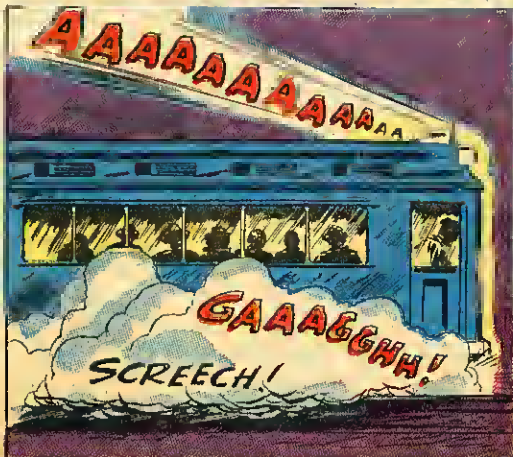


PHIL TRIED! HE TALKED TO THE EMPTY AIR! TO THE FOUR WALLS OF HIS ROOM! AND, TO HIS HORRIFIED CHAGRIN... THEY ANSWERED BACK!

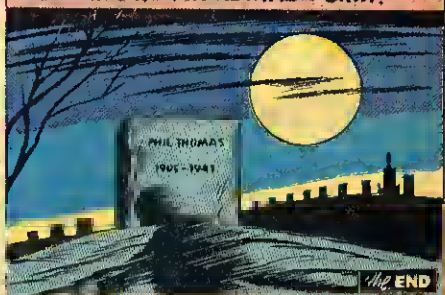
HE'S WITH ME! I JUST KNOW HE'S AROUND! TRAILING ME... LAUGHING AT ME... KNOWING THAT I CAN'T GET AT HIM! THE FIEND! THE LITTLE FIEND!



I'LL CHEAT HIM! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! CHEAT HIM! HE CAN'T FOLLOW ME IF I'M DEAD! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HE CAN'T HAUNT A DEAD MAN!



WHAT REMAINED OF PHIL THOMAS WAS QUIETLY INTERNED IN A LONELY GRAVE TO WAIT FOR ETERNITY! IT WAS NOTED IN THE INQUEST MADE INTO HIS SUICIDE THAT HIS MIND HAD EVIDENTLY DISINTEGRATED UNDER THE PRESSURE OF HIS CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF ARNOLD BIXBY! TO THE VERY LAST, PHIL THOMAS CLAIMED THAT BIXBY WAS ALIVE... HAUNTING HIM IN ASTRAL FORM!



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# THE CURSED RELIC



SIR HENRY NEWTON was a solidly put together man, with a flowing mouslache and healthy brown skin obtained from years of hot sun in various deserts and jungles all over the world. He was not easily frightened, nor did he appear to be frightened the night he announced he was sending back the souvenir his wife had picked up from a Pharaoh's tomb on their

last trip to Egypt. The memento, a piece of bone which had been fashioned into a bracelet, must go back to the tombs, he said, for it's spirit was endangering the health of his wife, the Lady Lydia.

That night was an experience I shall never forget. Newton had invited five of us to his country home for a little dinner party to send off two of our geologist friends. Things began to happen right after Sir Henry announced that he wanted the bone returned. "My whole household has been in chaos," Sir Henry said, "The servants complain of a ghostly figure which wanders around at night. Dishes break for no apparent reason, and we've had two fires. Lady Lydia says she will take it back herself if it is not returned soon." He went on to explain that they had given the relic away three times, but the new owners had returned it because of the bad luck which had fallen on them. Back to the tombs, seemed the only solution.

Just at that moment a slapping noise sounded and Sir Henry's head moved to one side in a quick jerk. He put his hand to his cheek. When he took it away there was the unmistakable red print of a hand slap. Standing up, Sir Henry shook his fist in the air. He said, "Now look here, old boy, I've taken about all your tommyrot I'm going to. I'm sending you back, and there's nothing you can do about it!" We all laughed, but before the end of the meal, each guest had received the invisible hand slap!

"Where is this bracelet?" Wetherford, the man who was to be in charge of the expedition asked. "I'm curious to see such an uncanny bit of bone."

Without changing expression, Sir Henry said, "Confound it, you can't see it. Don't you understand—it doesn't want to go back so it's been traveling all over the house—comes up in the queerest places. Last week I had a strong steel box specially made. The bracelet is now safe in the box and the box is set into a stone deep in my chamber floor, double chained for safety."

"Such an indestructible spirit should have no difficulty getting at a steel box," I chided. "What about the key? Hasn't he access to it?"

"That also is chained to my bed," Sir Henry answered. "As for getting it loose, I don't think so, I've got the spirit baffled!" He chuckled, "The chains have rattled several times as though someone were trying to loosen it, to no avail. The simple truth, gentlemen, is that the spirit is too much at home in my house. He resents being sent back to his own tomb!"

Everyone laughed again. The whole scene was amusing, but later that night, we had good reason to regret the mockery.

About the middle of the night I heard a nerve-racking scream. My room was just across the hall from Sir Henry's and it sounded as though it had come from his room. I threw on my dressing robe hurriedly and entered the corridor. Blake and Wetherford had beat me to it and were standing there listening. "Sir Henry?" I asked. "I don't think so," Wetherford replied, "It sounded more like a woman's scream."

At that instant, Sir Henry bolted out of his room, ignoring us and ran to Lady Lydia's door. He tried to turn the knob, but the door was locked. He put his shoulder to it, but it was solid oak. He beckoned to us to help. By that time the other guests had awakened and we were able to break the door in. Lady Lydia lay crumpled on the floor. Sir Henry picked her up gently and Blake went to fetch a doctor.

Before the doctor arrived, Lady Lydia regained consciousness, but she never regained her senses. She blubbered incoherently about the spirits and the Pharaohs, and for the rest of her life she was confined to her room with a strong woman to watch over her.

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Two other guests of that ill-fated dinner have met their deaths in a violent manner. Sir Henry is now lying across the hall from me, groaning with fever. The doctors do not expect him to last through the night.

I am still alive, but I wish I were not. The ghost of the old Pharaoh is gone, but the memory will be with me as long as I live. One month ago I fell from a high embankment overlooking the channel and freakishly broke both my arms and legs. My back was also broken in such a manner that I am paralyzed from the hips down. I will never get up from my bed.

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# BLACK MAGIC

Brent climbed higher and higher---eager to find the "gimmick" behind the greatest trick of the Indian fakirs! But there was no gimmick when he reached

## The END OF HIS ROPE!

KEEP PLAYING UNTIL BRENT COMES DOWN! THE **CRAZY FOOL!** I WARNED HIM IT WAS DANGEROUS TO CRAWL UP THAT ROPE!

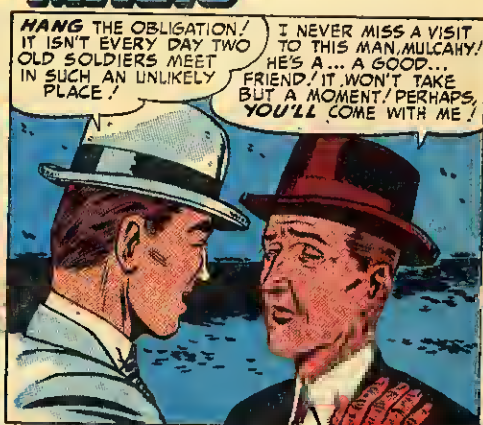
LOOK AT HIM! HE RETURNS AS A **CURSED ONE!**

THE BAZAAR IN BENARES---THAT MASS OF TEEMING HUMANITY! **HINDU, JAIN, BRAHMIN, SIKH, CHINESE, MUSSELMAN!** MIKE MULCAHY WAS JUSTLED ALONG IN THEIR TATTERED RANKS.

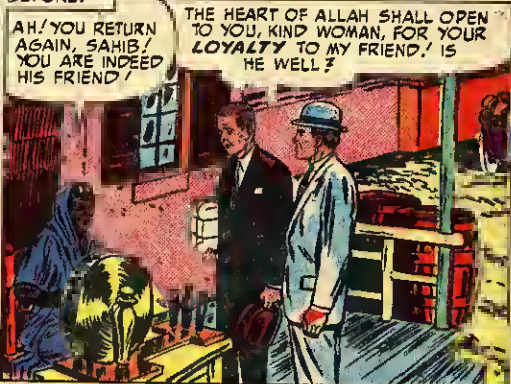
HEY! WHY DON'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING...

**HUME!** MULCAHY! I SAY IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, CHAP!

# BLACK MAGIC 16



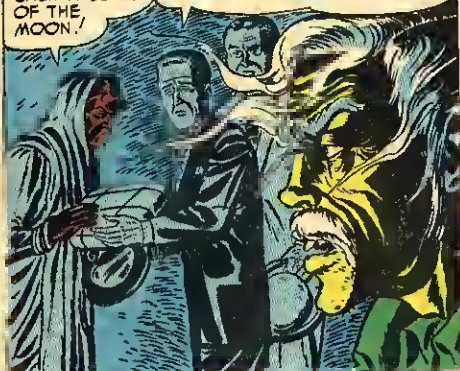
WITHOUT A FURTHER WORD THE EX-CAPTAIN OF GRENADIERS LED THE WAY THROUGH TWISTING, DIRTY SIDE STREETS MULCAHY HAD NEVER SEEN THE LIKES OF BEFORE!



# BLACK MAGIC

NOT THE BODY, SAHIB, IT IS HIS SOUL WHICH WITHERS WITH EACH PASSING OF THE MOON!

I HAVE BROUGHT A FEW THINGS HE MAY NEED, IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN HIS CONDITION, YOU KNOW WHERE I MAY BE REACHED!



"THE VISIT WAS BRIEF, BUT ITS IMPACT WAS FELT BY BOTH MEN. THEY EXCHANGED NO WORDS AS THEY LEFT THE LITTLE SHOP AND PROCEEDED BACK TO THE MAIN SECTION OF TOWN, FOR, IN THE EAST, MEN DID NOT DEEM IT WISE TO OPEN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS TO SCRUTINY."

WE'RE BEING DEUCED QUIET FOR TWO FELLOWS WHO HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN SO LONG! SHOULD WE GIVE THE AMUSEMENT SECTION A BIT OF A GO?

AFTER SEEING THAT WRECK OF A MAN, I COULD STAND ANYTHING! LET'S GO!



MAY YOUR SOUL BE EVER FREE FROM BURDEN OF THIS WRETCHED WORLD? MAY YOU PROSPER FOR THIS GENEROSITY!

COME ALONG, HUME! DON'T BOTHER WITH THESE BEGGARS! THEY'RE ALL ALIKE!



I THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN OVER HERE LONG ENOUGH TO HAVE GOTTEN OVER THAT WEAKNESS! I NEVER GIVE A PENNY TO ANY OF THEM, LET 'EM GO OUT AND WORK, I SAY!

PERHAPS, BUT THEN, YOU ARE NOT AS SENSITIVE TO POVERTY AS I! NOR HAVE YOU BEEN EXPOSED TO THE ENCHANTMENTS OF THIS ANCIENT PLACE!



AT LEAST THEY CAN GIVE YOU A SHOW FOR YOUR MONEY! TAKE THAT FELLOW OVER THERE, OF COURSE I REALIZE IT'S ONLY A TRICK, BUT AT LEAST HE'S DOING SOMETHING!

YES, IN HIS CASE, IT'S ONLY A TRICK, BUT NOT ALWAYS! I'VE SEEN THESE PEOPLE PERFORM WITH THE AID OF POWERS BEYOND ANYTHING WE MODERNS KNOW!



COME OFF IT, HUME! SURELY, YOU DON'T BELIEVE ALL THAT RUBBISH ABOUT OCCULT POWERS AND WHAT-NOT!

THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU I DIDN'T MULCAHY! BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED SINCE, THAT CAUSED ME TO DO A GREAT DEAL OF THINKING! DO YOU REMEMBER BRENT? DAVID BRENT FROM BELFAST!



# BLACK MAGIC

DO I REMEMBER HIM? BEFORE I WAS SENT HOME, HE AND I HAD THE WILDEST TIME!

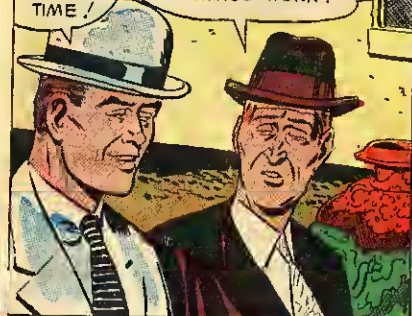
STRANGE THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW HIM SO WELL AND STILL... BUT I'M GETTING AWAY FROM MY STORY! IT SEEMS THAT BRENT WAS JUST LIKE YOU! HE WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE **GIMMICK!** THE TRICK THAT MADE THINGS WORK!



REALLY, BRENT, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD...

"AS YOU KNOW, HE WAS AN AMATEUR **MAGICIAN!** HE COULD DO ALMOST ANY SORT OF TRICK! THE MAN WAS AN ABSOLUTE DEVOTEE OF THIS ART! WE WERE STILL IN SERVICE WHEN HE BULLIED ME INTO SEEING **BAHADUR RHAMASHTANI!**"

DON'T ACT LIKE A STUFFED OWL, HUME! THIS OLD RASCAL IS THE MOST ASTOUNDING FAKIR OF THEM ALL! A MASTER MAGICIAN! I'M TOLD HE CAN DO THE **INDIAN ROPE TRICK!** I MUST SEE HOW IT'S DONE!



"BRENT WAS AS EAGER AS A CRAFTY SCHOOLBOY AT THE OPEN DOOR OF AN UNGUARDED CUPBOARD! IF I KNEW HIM AS I THOUGHT I DID, BRENT WAS NOT GOING TO LEAVE UNTIL HE KNEW THE **"GIMMICK"** BEHIND THE LEGENDARY ROPE TRICK!

ALLOW ME, **BAHADUR!** THIS IS MY GOOD FRIEND CAPTAIN HUME! I HAVE BROUGHT HIM TO WITNESS YOUR **MIRACLES OF MAGIC!**

YOU GIVE THIS HUMBLE ONE A MOST UNDESERVED HONOR! I AM ONLY THE **LIVING HAND** OF ONCE SKILLFUL ANCESTORS!

YET, YOU STILL **DENY** ME THE SIGHT OF THEIR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT! **SHOW ME THE ROPE TRICK, BAHADUR!** AM I NOT YOUR TRUE FRIEND?

HAVE YOU PROVEN TO BE! YOUR EYES SHALL KNOW THAT GREAT WONDER!



BEHOLD! I SHALL OPEN THE DOORS TO THE **INVISIBLE LANDS!** READY, **SINGH!**

"THE BOY BROUGHT A INDIAN FLUTE AND A LENGTH OF **ORDINARY** ROPE WHICH WE WERE ASKED TO EXAMINE! SATISFIED THAT THE ROPE CONTAINED NO HIDDEN **GIMMICKS,** WE WATCHED THE FAKIR ROLL IT IN COILS IN THE BASKET... AND THEN PUT THE FLUTE TO HIS LIPS!



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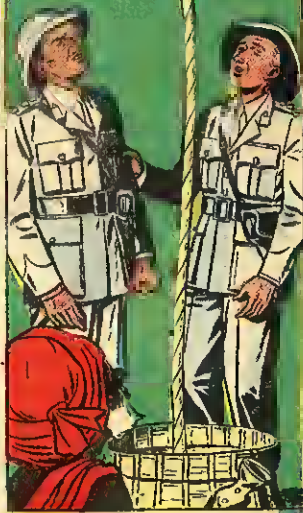
THE ROPE / IT  
SWAYS AND  
RISES TO THE  
RHYTHM OF THE  
MUSIC!

QUIET...



THAT YOUNG  
NIPPER HAS  
CLIMBED TO  
THE TOP OF  
THE ROPE...  
AND NOW...

HE...HE'S STILL  
CLIMBING...  
INTO NOTHING-  
NESS! BRENT!  
THE LAD'S  
VANISHED!



"IT WAS AN AMAZING PIECE OF  
DECEPTION... IF DECEPTION IT  
WAS. / BAHADUR CLAPPED HIS  
HANDS, THE BOY CLIMBED  
DOWN SEEMINGLY FROM  
NOWHERE... AND THE ROPE FELL  
LIMPLY INTO THE BASKET!"

BRAVO, BAHADUR! WELL DONE!  
I'M AN EXPERT IN THIS ART...  
AND I MUST SAY YOU HAD  
ME COMPLETELY FOOLED!



HOW DID YOU DO IT?  
WIRES? HYPNOTISM?  
I WANT THE SECRET!  
NAME ANY PRICE!

I CANNOT GIVE YOU WHAT IS  
SACRED, SAHIB! THIS WAS  
NO TRICK... BUT TRUE MAGIC  
OF THE ANCIENTS!

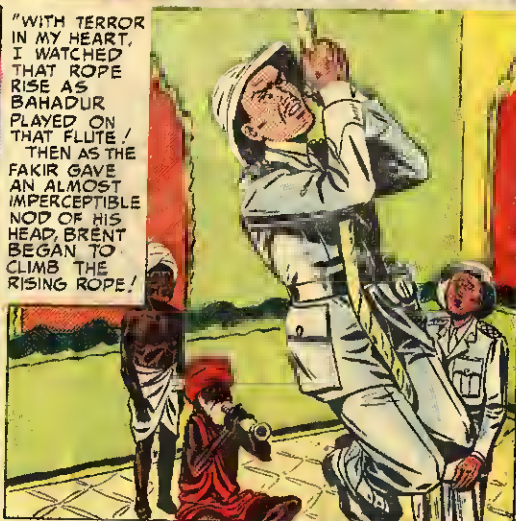
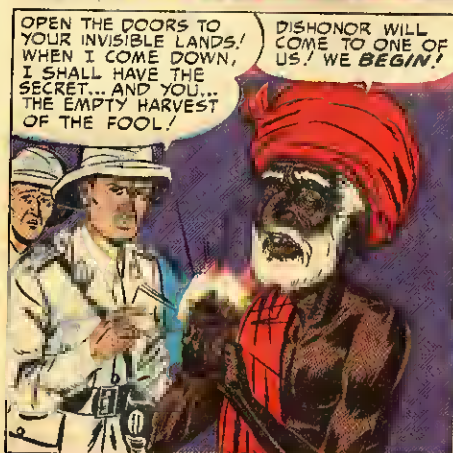
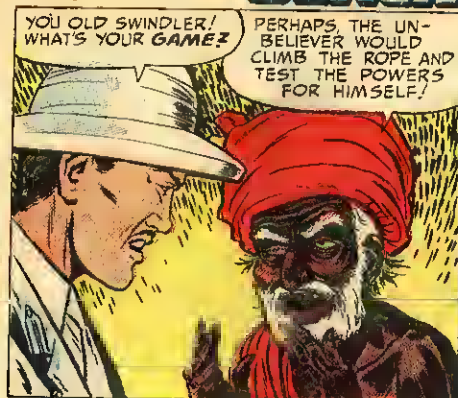


I AM YOUR  
FRIEND... AND  
YOU LIED TO  
ME, BAHADUR!  
I'LL PAY  
ANYTHING  
YOU ASK / IS  
THAT NOT  
ENOUGH!

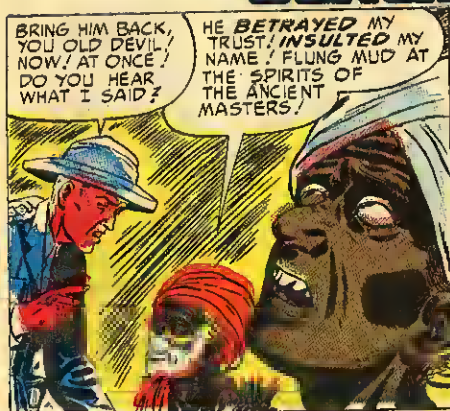
I HAVE DONE AS I PROMISED! YOU  
HAVE SEEN THE ROPE TRICK! I SAID  
NOTHING OF SELLING ITS  
SECRET!



# BLACK MAGIC



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BRING HIM BACK,  
YOU OLD DEVIL!  
NOW! AT ONCE!  
DO YOU HEAR?  
WHAT I SAID?

HE BETRAYED MY  
TRUST! INSULTED MY  
NAME! FLUNG MUD AT  
THE SPIRITS OF  
THE ANCIENT  
MASTERS!

AND YOU SHALL JOIN  
THEM IF YOU DON'T  
DO AS I SAY!

I SHALL BRING HIM  
BACK! BUT, HE WILL NOT  
BE AS HE WAS! THE  
SAHIB HAS STAYED  
**TOO LONG..**



"THE SIGHT OF MY FINGER TIGHTENING ON THE  
TRIGGER STIRRED BAHADUR INTO ACTION!  
ONCE MORE, THE ROPE SWAYED UNCANNILY  
SKYWARD!"



KEEP  
PLAYING!  
DON'T  
STOP!

"WHEN THE ROPE HAD REACHED ITS MAXIMUM HEIGHT,  
IT SUDDENLY STIFFENED AND BEGAN TO SWAY! A  
**LEG MATERIALIZED OUT OF THIN AIR... BY**  
SOME STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION, YOU MIGHT HAVE  
CALLED IT A **HUMAN LEG!** THEN I SAW THE REST  
OF BRENT... AND I **SCREAMED!**"



BY THE  
GODS! HE  
RETURNS  
A  
**CURSED**  
ONE!

THAT...  
CAN'T...  
BE...  
**BRENT!**

IT'S DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE  
MY HORROR WHEN I SAW  
HIM! BUT, OF COURSE,  
YOU'VE SEEN HIM  
YOURSELF... BACK  
THERE ... IN THAT  
ROOM!



ARE YOU TELLING  
ME... THAT  
ANCIENT, WITHERED  
THING IN THE  
CHAIR WAS ...

BUT, THAT'S **IMPOSSIBLE!**  
BRENT IS NO OLDER THAN  
WE ARE! - YOU MUST  
BE JOKING, HUME!

I WISH TO GLORY  
I WAS... BUT,  
I'M NOT! I'M  
**NOT!**



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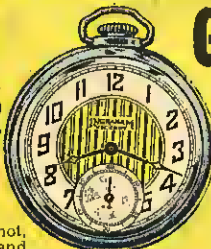
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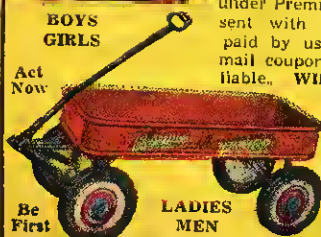


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# BLACK MAGIC

Sidney was a greedy man who found the key to good fortune. But, his key opened the wrong lock. For luck has two doors and they're both marked

## NUMBER

I DON'T CARE IF TWENTY-FOUR SHIRTS DO MAKE AN EVEN TWO DOZEN! I WANT TWENTY-THREE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND... TWENTY-THREE!

ALL RIGHT! COME BACK ON THE TWENTY-THIRD AND WE'LL CLOSE THE DEAL! I'M NOT DOING THIS KIND OF BUSINESS ON ANY OTHER DAY!

IF YOU CAN'T PUT IT ON LOT NUMBER TWENTY-THREE... I DON'T WANT IT! WE'LL BUILD ON A STREET WHERE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE ISN'T TAKEN!

I DON'T CARE IF YOUR AUNT ANNA JUST CAME IN FROM CHINA! WE'RE HAVING TWENTY-THREE AT THE PARTY AND NOT ONE PERSON MORE!

SIDNEY MORGAN LOOKED OUT OF THE WINDOW OF THE PLANE AND SMILED TO HIMSELF! HE HAD TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HIS POCKET! AND HE WAS GOING TO A PLACE WHERE HE COULD MULTIPLY THAT TWENTY-THREE TIMES OVER!

IT WAS NICE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT! BUT THEN, SIDNEY'S LIFE WAS DEDICATED TO TOTALING FIGURES! BUT, TAKE HIS WIFE, GENEVIEVE, FOR INSTANCE! SHE THOUGHT LIFE WAS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF GOOD AND EVIL! HE COULD STILL REMEMBER HER PREACHING ON THAT FATEFUL NIGHT IN THE CAR!

DARLING, YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO ENVIOUS OF HARRY BROWN! ENVY IS A SIN... ONE OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS! AFTER ALL, WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE WANT! COMFORT, HAPPINESS!

YEAH... EVERYTHING BUT MONEY! AND MONEY IS WHAT I WANT, DEAR!

# BLACK MAGIC

AND HE REMEMBERED HARRY BROWN / HARRY WAS A PLACID SORT OF MAN WHO STUMBLED ON THE SECRET OF SUCCESS... AND THEN, LAUGHED AT IT!

THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS? WELL SID, I GUESS IT'S JUST THAT I'M LUCKY, THAT'S ALL!

BUT THERE MUST BE SOMETHING BEHIND YOUR LUCK! THINGS LIKE THAT JUST DON'T HAPPEN! DO YOU HAVE A SYSTEM OF SOME SORT... OR MAYBE A LUCKY CHARM?

IT'S STRANGE THAT YOU SHOULD ASK THAT, BECAUSE MY LUCK HAS RUN A STRANGE COURSE, EVERYTHING THAT I'VE DONE THAT HAS TURNED OUT WELL HAS HAD A STRANGE CONNECTION WITH THE NUMBER FOURTEEN!

AHA! I KNEW IT!

IT ALL STARTED DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE! FOURTEEN OF US WERE TO BE EVACUATED BY PLANE! BUT, THE PILOT WAS AFRAID THE PLANE COULDN'T HOLD MORE THAN THIRTEEN AND SO, I, BEING NUMBER FOURTEEN, REMAINED BEHIND! THAT PLANE CRASHED AND EVERYONE WAS KILLED! I WAS RESCUED LATER!

FROM THAT TIME ON, FOURTEEN BECAME MY LUCKY NUMBER! I OPENED MY OFFICE ON THE FOURTEENTH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING ON THE FOURTEENTH OF MAY! FOURTEEN DAYS LATER I LANDED MY BIGGEST ACCOUNT!

AMAZING!

YOU'RE THE LIVING PROOF OF MY PHILOSOPHY! THE MAGICAL QUALITY OF NUMBERS! THE LUCKY NUMBER THAT NEVER FAILS YOU!

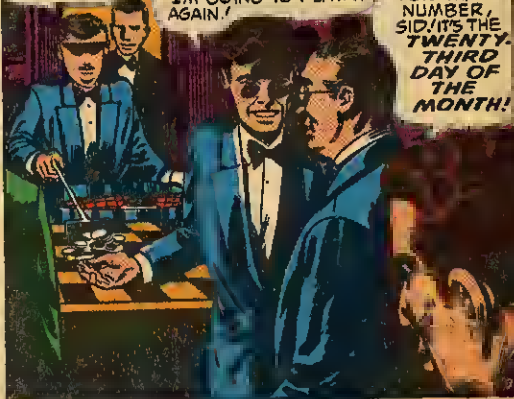
BOSH! DON'T PUT ANY STOCK IN IT! IT'S MERE COINCIDENCE! NOTHING MORE!

NO! IT SEEMED MUCH MORE THAN COINCIDENCE TO SIDNEY MORGAN! SOMEDAY, HE WOULD FIND HIS LUCKY NUMBER! AND HIS MONEY-HUNGRY SPIRIT WOULD EXPLOIT IT FOR ALL IT WAS WORTH! ONE NIGHT, IN A GAMBLING PALACE, SIDNEY FOUND HIS NUMBER...

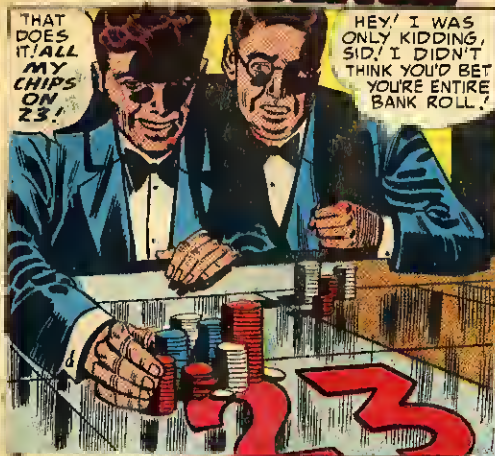
TWENTY-THREE WINS AGAIN!

THAT'S MY THIRD WIN ON TWENTY-THREE! I'M GOING TO PLAY IT AGAIN!

THIS MIGHT BE THE DAY FOR THAT NUMBER, SID! IT'S THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF THE MONTH!



# BLACK MAGIC



THAT DOES IT! ALL MY CHIPS ON 23!

HEY! I WAS ONLY KIDDING, SID! I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BET YOUR ENTIRE BANK ROLL!



THIS IS IT, TOM! I'VE GOT TO TEST IT! IF TWENTY-THREE IS REALLY MY LUCKY NUMBER, IT WON'T FAIL ME NOW!

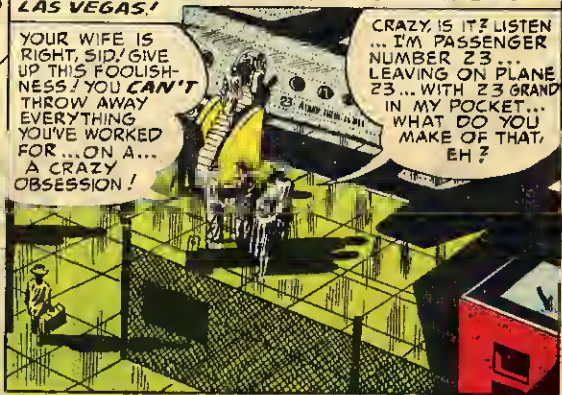
NUMBER TWENTY-THREE WINS! THAT'S TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS! THE TABLE IS CLOSED! YOU'VE BROKEN THE BANK, SIR!

I DID IT! THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP ME NOW! I'M OFF IN THE MORNING TO MORE FERTILE FIELDS... WHERE TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND IS JUST AN OPENING BET!

THERE WAS NO STOPPING SIDNEY MORGAN! IGNORING THE PROTESTS OF HIS WIFE AND TOM LEWIS, HIS BUSINESS PARTNER, SIDNEY CAUGHT THE 5 O'CLOCK PLANE TO LAS VEGAS!

YOUR WIFE IS RIGHT, SID! GIVE UP THIS FOOLISHNESS! YOU CAN'T THROW AWAY EVERYTHING YOU'VE WORKED FOR... ON A... A CRAZY OBSESSION!

CRAZY, IS IT? LISTEN... I'M PASSENGER NUMBER 23... LEAVING ON PLANE 23... WITH 23 GRAND IN MY POCKET... WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT, EH?



I'M NO FOOL! I'M RIDING NUMBER 23 TO WHEREVER IT TAKES ME! CALL IT A BIG GAMBLE IF YOU LIKE! TO ME... IT'S FOOL-PROOF MAGIC!

WELL GOOD-BYE, YOU TWO! DON'T BOTHER WISHING ME LUCK! I'M LOADED WITH IT RIGHT NOW!



# BLACK MAGIC

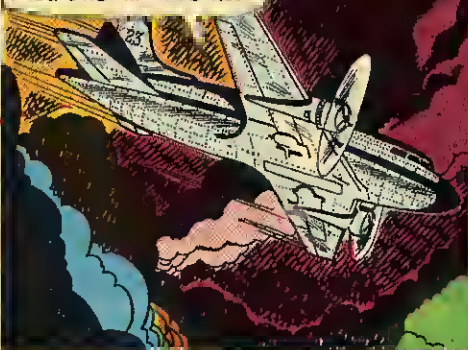
THAT'S HOW SIDNEY MORGAN CAME TO BE ABOARD THE PLANE. HE SAT LOST IN THOUGHT, DREAMING, OF THE BRIGHTNESS OF GOLD... NEVER NOTICING THE STORM OUTSIDE... OR THE ERRATIC TOSSEING OF THE PLANE...

FASTEN YOUR SAFETY BELTS, PLEASE! THE PILOT IS GOING TO ATTEMPT AN EMERGENCY LANDING! THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! JUST SIT BACK AND RELAX!



SIT BACK AND RELAX! THAT WAS IT! WHAT COULD HAPPEN... WITH 23 PASSENGERS ON PLANE 23? HE SMILED A KNOWING SMILE...

THIS IS MERELY A ROUTINE PRECAUTION... THAT'S ALL...



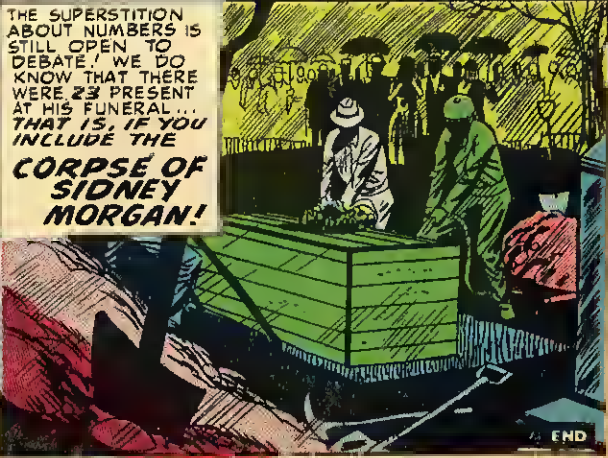
SID WAS STILL DREAMING WHEN THE FATAL SHOCK CAME!



NEWS OF THE DISASTER STRUCK THE HEADLINES THE NEXT DAY!

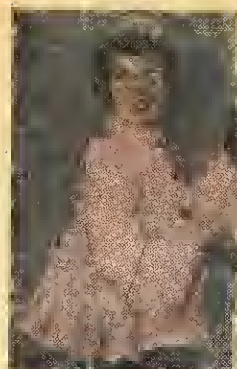


THE SUPERSTITION ABOUT NUMBERS IS STILL OPEN TO DEBATE! WE DO KNOW THAT THERE WERE 23 PRESENT AT HIS FUNERAL... THAT IS, IF YOU INCLUDE THE CORPSE OF SIDNEY MORGAN!

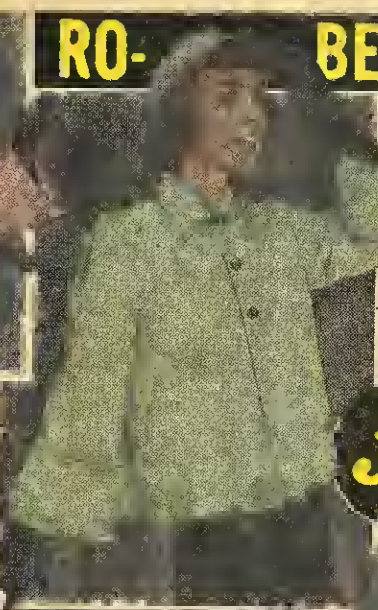


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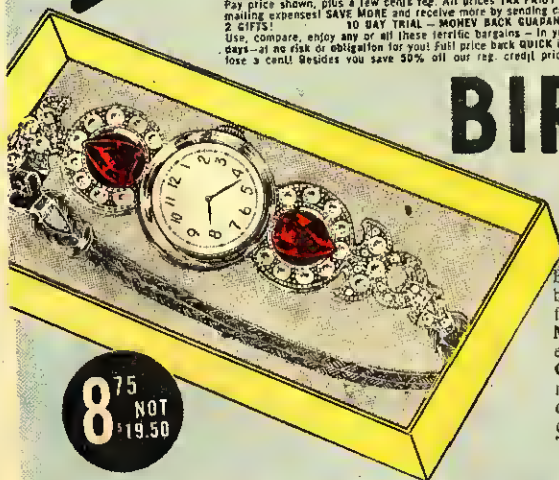
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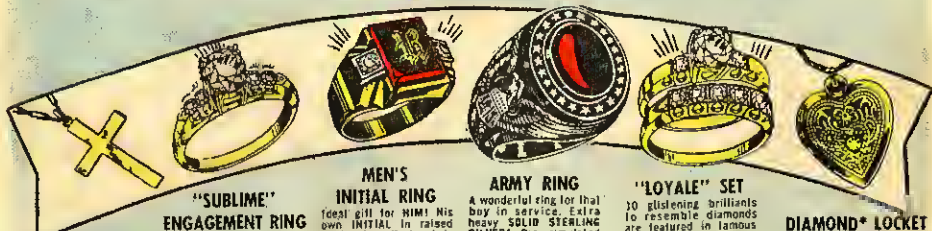
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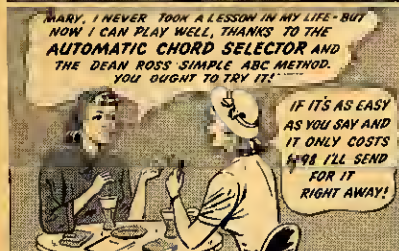
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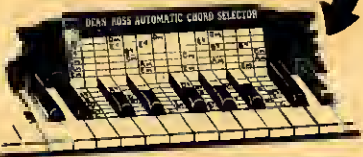
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